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61. (New) A method as set forth in claim 53, wherein said flower formation is retarded by at least 25% relative to a wild-type of said plant.--

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data, to cancel claims 1-18 of the PCT application, and to add new claims 19-61. Support for the new claims is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean set of the pending claims is attached hereto as Appendix B.

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